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Report Highlights:

Czech farmers experienced another good grain crop. The only exception is the corn crop, which is one third lower than last year's crop.

General Information:

MT = Metric Ton

MY = Marketing Year. Post and USDA official data both follow the EU28 local marketing year of July to June, except for corn which follows an October to September calendar.

Despite an initial pessimistic outlook and concerns during the summer, the final harvest estimates prepared by the Czech Statistical Office are very positive. Except for corn, all grains show increased yields, when compared to earlier estimates. Average hectare yield for grains (excluding corn) reaches 6.02 MT and is only 1.1 percent lower than last year's exceptional yield. Total grain crop of 7.8 million MT (excluding corn) can be described as very good again, exceeding a ten-year average by 16.6 percent, as reported by the Czech Statistical Office.

Corn crop is estimated at 555,238 MT, a 33.3 percent drop year-on-year. The main reason for such a drop in production is a slump in yield caused by the hot and dry weather experienced, as the harvested area declined only very slightly, by 5.2 percent.

With almost unchanged acreage, the total grain crop (including corn) reaches 8.4 million MT. Quality of grains is so far reported as good or satisfactory. Production figures for individual grains can be seen in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Final Harvest for MY14/15 and Forecast for MY15/16 as published by the Czech Statistical Office:

Crop/ Year	Sowing Area (000 HA)		Production (000 MT)	
	MY14/15	MY15/16	MY14/15	MY15/16
Wheat	836	830	5,442	5,329
Barley	351	366	1,967	2,031
Oats	42	42	152	162
Rye	25	22	129	114
Triticale	49	43	244	214
Corn	99	94	832	555

Trade

Czech Republic Export Statistics, Commodity: 1001, Wheat

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity			% Change
		June 2012-July 2013	June 2013-July 2014	June 2014-July 2015	2015/2014
Total, Out of which:	MT	1119	2103	2596	23.46
Germany	MT	923	1,672	2,027	21.24
Austria	MT	51	159	266	67.22
Poland	MT	88	192	181	- 5.70

Slovakia	MT	42	44	72	62.01
Italy	MT	5	26	40	49.91
Denmark	MT	0	0	4	0.00
Switzerland	MT	1	2	3	70.30
Slovenia	MT	0	0	1	241.18
United Kingdom	MT	1	0	1	0.00
Netherlands	MT	2	0	0	35.44
France	MT	2	0	0	- 96.73
Hungary	MT	1	6	0	- 99.96

Czech Republic Import Statistics, Commodity: 1001, Wheat

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity			% Change
		June 2012-July 2013	June 2013-July 2014	June 2014-July 2015	2015/2014
Total, Out of which:	MT	70	36	47	31.33
Slovakia	MT	50	21	32	52.50
Poland	MT	14	9	12	29.93
Germany	MT	2	4	2	- 55.37
Hungary	MT	4	1	1	- 1.25
Austria	MT	1	0	0	11.92
France	MT	0	1	0	- 50.38

Czech Republic Export Statistics, Commodity: 1003, Barley

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity			% Change
		June 2012-July 2013	June 2013-July 2014	June 2014-July 2015	2015/2014
Total, Out of which:	MT	264	217	347	59.67
Germany	MT	135	105	214	103.43
Austria	MT	39	34	46	33.61
Poland	MT	30	22	39	75.37
Slovakia	MT	46	43	36	- 15.87
Italy	MT	4	3	6	76.63
Slovenia	MT	1	3	5	60.98
Switzerland	MT	1	0	0	1.96
Romania	MT	6	3	0	- 99.50
Hungary	MT	2	2	0	- 99.97

Czech Republic Import Statistics, Commodity: 1003, Barley

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity	%
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		June 2012-July 2013	June 2013-July 2014	June 2014-July 2015	2015/2014
Total, Out of which:	MT	36	37	46	23.59
Slovakia	MT	11	11	19	75.87
Hungary	MT	12	9	10	10.31
Austria	MT	5	9	9	5.25
Poland	MT	5	1	4	287.65
Germany	MT	0	0	2	400.18
Netherlands	MT	0	0	1	232.57
France	MT	1	6	0	- 99.11

Czech Republic Import Statistics, Commodity: 1005, Corn (Maize)

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity			% Change
		Oct 2011-Sept 2012	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	Oct 2013-Sept 2014	2014/2013
Total, Out of which:	MT	69	121	134	11.07
Poland	MT	4	87	69	- 21.52
Slovakia	MT	45	23	37	63.09
Germany	MT	1	1	12	935.37
Hungary	MT	11	2	9	424.78
France	MT	3	4	3	- 5.87
Argentina	MT	3	3	3	15.14
Austria	MT	2	1	1	- 2.72

Czech Republic Export Statistics, Commodity: 1005, Corn (Maize)

Partner Country	Unit	Thousands Quantity			% Change
		Oct 2011-Sept 2012	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	Oct 2013-Sept 2014	2014/2013
Total, Out of which:	MT	553	392	294	- 25.05
Austria	MT	79	136	133	- 2.60
Germany	MT	297	147	82	- 44.04
Slovakia	MT	38	50	41	- 19.60
Poland	MT	117	36	34	- 6.32
Italy	MT	1	8	2	- 74.83
Denmark	MT	0	0	1	n/a
Netherlands	MT	20	13	0	- 98.49

Source of trade data: Global Trade Atlas

Related Reports

For more details on situation in the EU grain and feed sector please refer to the [EU-28 Grain and Feed Annual 2015](#) report and [Crop Update - reduced corn crop weighs on otherwise large harvest](#) in our GAIN system available at <http://gain.fas.usda.gov>. For the Czech Republic you can refer to [Grain and Feed Annual 2015](#), and July [Crop Update](#).

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